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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : Draft Minutes of the 24 November Intelligence  
Board Meeting

The attached draft minutes of the 24 November Intelligence Board  
meeting will be considered at the next regular Board meeting.

JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

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Minutes of  
Five-hundred-eighty-fifth Meeting  
United States Intelligence Board  
USIB Conference Room  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1430 hours, 24 November 1970

Director of Central Intelligence  
Richard Helms  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lieutenant General R. E. Cushman, Jr., USMC, Deputy Director of  
Central Intelligence  
Mr. Leonard Weiss, acting for Director of Intelligence and Research,  
Department of State  
Lieutenant General Donald V. Bennett, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence  
Agency  
Vice Admiral Noel Gayler, USN, Director, National Security Agency  
Dr. Charles H. Reichardt, acting for Atomic Energy Commission  
Representative to USIB  
Mr. William O. Cregar, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Representative to USIB

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Soviet Forces for  
Intercontinental Attack  
(NIE 11-8-70)

Mr. Abbot Smith opened the discussion by informing the Board that, after this estimate was passed, BNE planned to convene a meeting of the USIB Representatives to make a number of minor adjustments to the paper particularly in regard to some of the tables. Mr. Smith noted that the preparation of this new and much longer version had been a long and painstaking process, adding that he wanted to thank the USIB Principals, and their Representatives who helped prepare this paper, for their excellent response to the Chairman's special request for cooperation and close coordination throughout the period it was being prepared.

The Board Principals then engaged in a detailed and extensive discussion which centered largely on changes and/or footnotes proposed by the DCI, DIA, NSA and the Air Force.

Following the substantive discussion Dr. Reichardt pointed out that the subject paper contained RESTRICTED DATA of the type normally released to the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. The Board concurred that this matter should be handled in generally the same manner as it had been handled with regard to NIE 11-8-69. *TS all - [unclear] TS 190492 100 1169 75-11-69*

The Chairman of BNE noted that the Annex on Costing had not yet been completed but that it would be attached to the subject NIE or circulated separately if its completion was delayed. Mr. Smith suggested that the Board agree that this Annex should be fully coordinated with the USIB Representatives, but not circulated for formal Board approval. The Chairman said, and the Members concurred, that this procedure would be satisfactory so long as each USIB Representative made sure that his Board Principal had an opportunity to see a draft of the Annex, if he so desired, prior to its final dissemination.

Mr. Smith asked if the Board desired to follow the same general procedures on the subject paper as last year in regard to its dissemination, preparation of a sanitized version, and release to foreign governments. For the Board's information he read last year's minutes of Board actions on NIE 11-8-69. 25X1C  
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[redacted] Following a brief discussion the Chairman suggested that Board action on the release of this estimate to foreign governments be deferred for further Board consideration at an early date.

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Mr. Abbot Smith informed the Members that a new and he hoped more attractive cover had been designed for national estimates and that, in connection with this change, the Chairman had proposed going back to the old system that, rather than giving any names on the front or inside cover, only listed the offices of those members who concurred or abstained. Following a brief discussion Mr. Helms said that he would like to know the Board's wishes on this matter and suggested that a final decision be postponed for a few days until the Principals could think it over.

The Board then:

a. Approved NIE 11-8-70 as amended, noting however that the USIB Representatives would meet to make a number of minor adjustments to the paper and that the Annex on Costing would be completed and coordinated with the USIB Representatives as well as with any USIB Principal who so desired.

b. Agreed that BNE and the USIB Representatives should prepare a TOP SECRET RESTRICTED DATA version of the subject estimate as soon as feasible and that this version need not be submitted for USIB consideration.

c. Agreed that action on release of the subject NIE to foreign governments would be deferred for Board consideration at an early date.

d. Agreed that dissemination of the subject NIE to U. S. officials would be very carefully limited along the same general lines as were followed last year.

Adjournment: 1605

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

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25X6 All USIB members telephonically approved subject estimate on 14 November 1970. The Office of National Estimates has proceeded with its publication.

No member raised objection to the release of this estimate to

USIA



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3. Approval of Minutes  
12 November Meeting  
(USIB-M-584 and Record  
of Action in USIB-D-46. 5/6,  
13 November 1970, limited  
distribution through restricted  
channels)

On 20 November all USIB members telephonically approved the minutes of the 12 November meeting.

4. Watch Report No. 1056

All USIB members telephonically approved the subject report on 19 November.

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5. USIB-D-46.5/5, 22 October 1970  
(Limited distribution through  
restricted channels)

A record of Board action on the subject paper is contained in a Memorandum for Holders of USIB-D-46.5/5 dated 20 November, limited distribution through restricted channels.

6. Moscow Observer's Guide  
(USIB-D-28.1/14, 9 November 1970)

On 20 November all USIB members telephonically concurred in the subject document. The Director, National Indications Center, has been notified of this Board action and is proceeding with its implementation.

7. Soviet Army Conference  
(USIB-D-10.8/30, 10 November 1970)

On 21 November all USIB members concurred telephonically in the conference proposed by DIA subject to the addition of two more delegates-- one for CIA and one for Army. The Office of the Director, DIA, has been notified of the above,

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8. USIB-D-32.1/13, 16 November 1970  
(Special limited distribution through  
restricted channels)

A record of Board action on this paper is contained in a Memorandum for Holders of subject document dated 23 November 1970, limited distribution through restricted channels.

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